

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TORT REFORM**

Tuesday, May 2, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Tort Reform was called to order by the Chair, Representative Elsenheimer.

Members present: Representatives Elsenheimer, Kahn, Gaffney, Huizenga, Hune, Adamini, Bieda.

Members absent/excused: Representative McConico.

Chairman Elsenheimer laid HB 5851 before the committee:

HB 5851	Gaffney	Torts; personal injury; asbestos and silicosis compensation fairness act; create.
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Mark Wisniewski, defense attorney, representing the Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, DeNardis, Valitutti, Sherbrook law firm, testified before the committee in opposition to the bill. Mr. Wisniewski answered questions for the committee.

Representative Huizenga moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 25, 2006. Representative Bieda supported the motion. There being no objection the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Representative Adamini moved to excuse the absence of Representative McConico. Representative Bieda supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, Chair_____

Doug Simon, Committee Clerk

House Tort Reform Committee, (517) 373-0015